IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNANKUMAR): (a) No, Sir

(b) No, Sir, However, in the period between November 1990 to January 1991, and March 1991 to July, 1991, a few casual workers were employed for the specific and purely seasonal work of clearing the wild growth of grass, to avoid the risk of fire.

(c) Does not arise.

Conversion of Bangalore - Mysore Highway into Express Highway

7049. SHRI H.D. DEVEGOWDA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to convert Bangalore - Mysore State Highway into Express Highway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Appointment of Judges for Motor Vehicle Accident Tribunals

7050. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the judges have been appointed only in three out of the six Motor Vehicle Accident Tribunals in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the time by which the judges will be appointed in the remaining three Tribunals to ensure the expeditious disposal of all cases of motor accident claims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Judges of 3 out of 6 Motor Vehicles Accident Tribunals in Delhi were promoted to the Delhi Higher Judicial Service by the High Court of Delhi and they were relieved of their duties in the first week of June, 1991. The Delhi Administration have taken up the matter with the High Court of Delhi for filling up the three vacancies of judges in the MACTs expeditiously.

Income Tax allowance payable to employees of Public Sector Undertakings.

7051. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Central Public Sector undertakings pay tax free allowances to their employees four times of their pay;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to take into account all these allowances for the income tax purposes; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No specific instance of such payment by a Central Public Sector Undertaking has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[*English*]

Transactions with Foreign Banks by Public Sector Undertakings

7052. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector undertaking are having banking transactions with foreign banks;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and its